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STATISTICAL DATA ON THE CHINA LAND PROBLEM

[Comment: This report presents 14 statistical tables showing cultivated, noncultivated, and wild land in the provinces of China as reported in Chung-kuo T'u-ti Wen-t'i Chih T'ung-chi Fen-hsi (Statistical Analysis of the China Land Problem), published by the Cheng-chung Shu-chu, July 1941. These tables were prepared by the Directorate of Statistics, Directorate-General of Budgets, Accounts, and Statistics, Nationalist government. Primary sources cited by the directorate have been retained as footnotes in this report.]

Table 1. Land Area and Cultivated Area in China
(in sq km)

Province	Land Area (1875-1938)	Cultivated Area (1929-1936)	Land Cultivated (% of total land)
Kiangsu	110,285	56,864	51.56
Chekiang	104,037	27,772	26.69
Anhwei	140,687	48,752	34.65
Kiangsi	173,089	28,893	16.69
Hupeh	186,364	43,000	23.07
Hunan	205,591	33,471	16.28
Szechwan	431,309	103,632	24.03
Sikang	371,600	--	--
Hopeh	141,020	72,755	51.59
Shantung	147,486	66,967	45.41
Shansi	156,420	48,586	31.06
Honan	162,390	65,666	40.44
Shensi	187,424	30,418	16.23
Kansu	391,506	17,445	4.46

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Province	Land Area (1875-1938)	Cultivated Area (1929-1936)	Land Cultivated (% of total land)
Tsinghai	697,194	5,205	0.75
Fukien	118,738	14,063	11.84
Kwangtung	221,307	27,326	12.35
Kwangsi	218,924	18,329	8.37
Yunnan	403,680	17,477	4.33
Kweichow	179,478	15,449	8.61
Liaoning	321,823	46,739	14.52
Kirin	283,380	52,186	18.41
Heilungkiang	449,623	40,759	9.07
Jehol	192,430	17,100	8.89
Chahar	278,957	10,351	3.71
Suiyuan	347,529	11,391	3.28
Ningsia	274,910	1,231	0.45
Sinkiang	1,828,418	9,942	0.54
Mongolia	1,621,201	--	--
Tibet	1,215,788	--	--
Total	11,562,588	931,769	8.06
	8,353,999*	931,769*	11.15*

*Note: Excludes Western Tibet, Mongolia, and [Eastern?] Tibet

Table 2. Wild Land and Arable Wild Land in the Various Provinces (1934 Record*)

Province	No of Reports	Wild Land (% of total land)	Arable Wild Land (% of total wild land)	Arable Wild Land (% of total land in the area**)
Kiangsu	117	12.2	20.0	2.44
Chekiang	38	9.8	19.5	1.91
Anhwei	59	12.0	34.8	4.18
Kiangsi	29	17.9	28.5	5.10
Hupeh	23	17.8	39.2	6.98

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Province	No of Reports	Wild Land (% of total land)	Arable Wild Land (% of total wild land)	Arable Wild Land (% of total land in the area**)
Hunan	41	22.5	50.9	11.45
Szechwan	65	16.7	22.9	3.82
Hopeh	410	12.0	26.2	3.14
Shantung	182	16.9	36.9	6.24
Shansi	138	13.8	27.7	3.82
Honan	138	11.5	26.3	3.02
Shensi	68	19.7	23.0	4.53
Kansu	27	17.8	15.8	2.81
Tsinghai	13	18.0	43.0	7.74
Fukien	25	20.8	46.7	9.71
Kwangtung	38	16.2	48.5	7.86
Kwangsi	50	17.2	17.9	3.08
Yunnan	28	20.0	50.0	10.00
Kweichow	22	21.0	33.0	6.93
Chahar	8	75.0	57.0	42.75
Suiyuan	10	34.5	57.1	19.70
Ningsia	3	53.3	21.7	11.57
Total	1,532	19.1	23.3	6.36

* Source: Chung-kuo Nung-ts'un She hui Ching-chi (China's Rural Social Economy), by Ch'iao Ch'i-ming, Chapter 3, pp 66-68 [date not given]

** Total land area includes wild and cultivated land as recorded in the various ch'u and city reports

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Table 3. Data on Cultivated Land, Wild Land, Arable Wild Land, and Water Surface Compiled From 20 Provinces and 147 Hsiens (1929-1933)*

Crop Region	No of Hsiens Investigated	% of Cultivated Land	% of Wild Land	% of Arable Wild Land	% of Water Surface
Wheat belt	61	64.9	35.1	3.4	4.6
Spring wheat belt	9	19.4	80.6	9.1	0.8
Spring wheat and millet belt	20	52.6	47.4	1.9	2.5
Winter wheat and kaoliang belt	32	85.5	14.5	2.3	6.9
Rice belt	86	51.3	48.7	16.2	5.9
Yantze rice and wheat belt	23	71.4	28.6	8.7	13.9
Rice and tea belt	25	39.6	60.4	24.2	7.3
Szechwan rice belt	18	79.2	20.8	4.0	1.8
Double-cropping belt (rice)	9	18.7	81.3	18.7	1.4
Southwest rice belt	11	16.9	83.1	25.9	3.0
Average	147 (total)	57.0	43.0	10.7	5.4

*Source: Utilization of Land in China, by Baker, Chapter 2, pp 38-39 [date not given]

Table 4. Arable Wild Land of China's Provinces (1930; 1933). (in Kung-mou [about 100 sq m])

	1933*		1930**	
Province	No of Hsiens	Area	No of Hsiens	Area
Kiangsu	24	946,096	35	328,000
Chekiang	44	588,005	35	14,000
Anhwei	6	101,757	37	2,040,000
Kiangsi	12	15,041	42	1,000,000
Hupeh	29	931,099	9	596,000
Hunan	51	5,807,383	8	1,000

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Province	1933* No of Hsiens	1933* Area	1930** No of Hsiens	1930** Area
Szechwan	17	2,282,508	--	--
Sikang	--	--	8	1,450,000
Hopeh	52	29,525,336	6	--
Shantung	20	27,924	65	36,948,000
Shansi	62	288,489	105	--
Honan	50	796,926	72	23,000
Shensi	26	413,092	--	--
Kansu	9	368,456	--	--
Tsinghai	10	221,211,709	--	--
Fukien	9	29,964	14	6,000
Kwangtung	8	16,080	14	59,000
Kwangsi	53	1,453,394	--	--
Yunnan	79	1,067,348	--	--
Kweichow	23	337,428	8	59,000
Liaoning	27	177,299,730	6	14,256,000
Kirin	17	71,597,070	27	--
Heilungkiang	29	344,621,193	53	1,296,581,000
Jehol	7	8,598,528	4	26,210,000
Chahar	14	2,291,343	4	--
Suiyuan	15	27,611,167	9	21,896,000
Ningsia	3	553,807	--	--
Sinkiang	41	1,971,339	6	42,000
Total	745	900,692,192	567	1,401,509,000

*Source: Nei-cheng Kung-pao (Ministry of Interior Bulletin), Volume VIII, No 22, 1935, pp 257-416

**Source: Nei-cheng Nien-chien (Ministry of Interior Yearbook), Chapter 8 (D), pp 491-493 [date not given]

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Table 5. Estimate of Percentage of Arable Land Not Yet Cultivated in the Various Provinces

Province	% of Total Area	Area (in Kung-mou [about 100 square meters])
Kiangsu(*1)	2.44	26,909,540
Chekiang(*1)	1.91	19,871,067
Anhwei(*1)	4.18	58,807,166
Kiangsi(*1)	5.10	88,271,890
Hupeh(*1)	6.98	130,082,072
Hunan(*1)	11.45	235,401,695
Szechwan(*1)	3.82	164,760,038
Sikang(*2)	--	56,187,500
Hopeh(*1)	3.14	44,280,280
Shantung(*1)	6.24	92,031,264
Shansi(*1)	3.82	59,752,440
Honan(*1)	3.02	49,041,780
Shensi(*1)	4.53	84,903,072
Kansu(*1)	2.81	110,013,186
Tsinghai(*1)	7.74	539,628,156
Fukien(*1)	9.71	115,294,598
Kwangtung(*1)	7.86	173,947,302
Kwangsi(*1)	3.08	67,428,592
Yunnan(*1)	10.00	403,680,000
Kweichow (*1)	6.93	124,378,254
Liaoning(*3)		
Kirin(*3)	--	1,658,983,860
Heilungkiang(*3)		
Jehol(*4)	--	104,840,000
Chahar(*1)	42.75	1,192,541,175
Suiyuan(*1)	19.70	684,532,130
Ningsia(*1)	11.57	318,070,870
Sinkiang(*5)	--	2,836,779
Outer Mongolia(*6)	--	430,000,000
Total	--	7,009,565,706

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(*1) Taking the percentage of arable wild land as reported by the Central Agricultural Experimental Office as the percentage of arable land not yet cultivated, the total land area of Table 1 is used to estimate the arable area as indicated.

(*2) The area of arable land which has not been cultivated in the 31 hsiens of Sikang is estimated according to a 1930 publication by the Ministry of Interior on the area of arable wild land.

(*3) This estimate is taken from Frederick V. Field and Wang Ch'eng-tsu. Wang translated Field's book A General Economic Estimate of the Nations of the Pacific Ocean Area. According to Chapter 2, page 87, the arable area of Kirin, Heilungkiang, and Liaoning is 30,100,860 hectares. In 1930, 44.9 percent of the arable land was actually cultivated. This means that 55.1 percent remained uncultivated, constituting an area of about 1,658,983,860 kung-mou or ares.

(*4) The area of arable land which has not yet been cultivated in the 16 hsiens of Jehol is estimated according to a 1930 publication of the Ministry of Interior on the area of arable wild land in the four hsiens of Jehol.

(*5) The area of arable land not yet cultivated in the 59 hsiens of Sinkiang is estimated according to the 1933 publication of the Ministry of Interior on the area of arable wild land in the 41 hsiens of Sinkiang.

(*6) This figure is based on information in Meng-ku Wen-t'i (The Mongolian Problem), by Wang Ch'in-lan, pages 96-97. This book states that the cultivated land constitutes about one percent of the arable land in Outer Mongolia. According to the chapter on the border economy of Outer Mongolia, in the 1936 edition of Chung-kuo Ching-chi Nien-chien China's Economic Yearbook, by the Ministry of Industries, the cultivated land of Outer Mongolia is 43,000 hectares. From this, the arable land not yet cultivated was estimated to be about 430 million kung-mou or ares.

Table 6. Utilization of Land in China

Type of Land	National Estimate* Area (sq km)	(%)	Estimate From Eight Rural Areas** Area (sq km)	(%)
Cultivated land	931,769	8.1	950,282	27.0
Grazing land	1,657,600	14.3	161,900	4.6
Forested land	975,093	8.4	306,202	8.7
Others	7,998,126	69.2	2,101,189	59.7
Total	11,562,588	100.0	3,519,564	100.0

* Source for area of cultivated land is Table 1; area of grazing land is according to an estimate by Ch'en Ch'ang-[last character illegible]; area of forested land is according to an estimate of Ministry of Industries in Ching-chi Nien-chien (Economic Yearbook), 1934

** Source is Utilization of Land in China, by Baker, Table 6

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Table 7. Types of Land (1934)*

Province	No of Hsiens	No of Households	Paddy Fields	Percentage of Various Types of Land				
				Dry	Wooded	Pond	Wild	Others
Kiangsu	12	218,149	46.65	45.52	2.61	0.54	1.59	3.09
Chekiang	15	116,212	71.28	13.68	12.35	0.28	0.82	1.59
Anhwei	12	107,643	53.19	40.05	2.09	1.26	1.04	2.37
Kiangsi	5	23,697	85.86	8.80	1.31	0.45	2.09	1.49
Hupeh	11	106,546	51.31	33.57	8.08	1.89	2.04	3.11
Hunan	14	240,211	59.46	8.43	21.13	3.79	3.82	3.37
Hopeh	23	158,109	5.15	87.17	0.37	0.32	3.67	3.32
Shantung	18	233,061	0.15	93.55	0.59	0.43	1.62	3.66
Shansi	2	6,415	8.64	84.93	0.04	0.02	3.54	2.83
Honan	12	137,672	7.70	86.62	0.48	0.40	1.28	3.52
Shensi	12	61,654	5.28	88.97	0.80	0.05	1.43	3.47
Fukien	10	79,736	69.95	22.80	3.12	0.19	1.08	2.83
Kwangtung	2	14,513	85.51	14.19	0.07	0.21	0.01	0.01
Kwangsi	12	26,769	63.93	20.64	8.23	1.46	2.66	3.06
Chahar	1	1,428	0.56	84.05	0.00	0.00	15.23	0.16
Suiyuan	2	3,105	2.66	71.82	0.13	0.51	23.96	0.92
Total	163	1,534,920	31.27	57.06	4.99	1.00	2.60	3.08

Source: Land Committee Report [not further identified].

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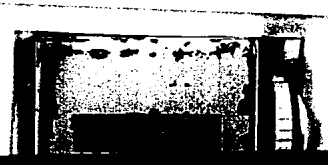

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Table 8. Utilization of Fields and Lands (1934)* (in %)

Province	No of Hsiens	No of Households	Total	Rice Paddy	Dry Land	Others	Vegetable Gardens
Kiangsu	12	502	89.55	44.69	44.60	0.26	0.38
Chekiang	15	741	87.31	71.94	14.07	1.30	0.87
Anhwei	10	537	89.12	55.72	33.39	0.01	0.70
Kiangsi	3	113	95.40	82.65	12.49	0.26	0.60
Hupeh	6	217	92.69	72.68	19.97	0.04	0.62
Hunan	10	531	79.24	71.78	7.04	0.42	1.71
Hopeh	23	1,156	94.94	6.34	88.42	0.18	0.26
Shantung	17	705	95.47	0.02	94.37	1.08	0.27
Shansi	2	67	93.34	1.80	88.00	3.54	2.84
Honan	11	546	95.66	3.50	91.91	0.25	0.06
Shensi	11	389	94.86	4.56	90.20	0.10	0.28
Fukien	10	515	87.44	66.83	16.00	4.61	9.63
Kwangsi	12	161	82.62	44.56	37.43	0.63	1.50
Suiyuan	3	174	86.16	57.26	28.31	0.59	0.26
Total	145	6,434	91.20	29.28	61.42	0.68	0.59

* Source: Compiled by the Land Committee

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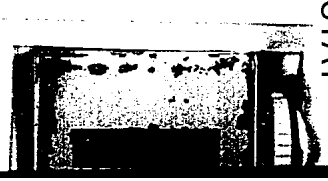

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Mulberry Groves	Orchards	Bamboo Groves	Reeded Land	Ponds	Tree Groves	Cemeteries	Houses	Drying Land
0.48	0.38	0.45	3.37	1.35	0.10	0.68	1.71	1.57
2.54	0.13	0.69	2.81	0.67	2.13	0.87	1.47	0.51
0.15	0.10	0.25	0.78	2.99	1.33	0.94	2.26	1.38
--	0.25	0.03	0.48	0.94	0.01	0.07	1.49	0.73
0.06	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.76	1.69	0.76	2.11	1.22
0.08	0.56	0.46	2.24	2.92	8.84	0.96	1.90	1.09
0.01	0.36	--	0.08	0.14	0.33	1.07	1.69	1.12
0.01	0.58	--	0.10	0.13	0.24	0.64	1.48	1.08
--	0.21	--	0.08	--	0.55	0.86	1.07	1.05
0.01	0.01	--	0.10	0.08	0.15	0.96	1.75	1.22
0.01	0.05	0.02	0.16	0.02	0.08	0.85	1.87	1.80
0.12	1.33	0.27	0.80	0.20	5.35	0.88	3.00	0.48
0.19	1.47	0.25	0.66	1.39	1.79	3.21	4.02	2.90
0.01	0.01	--	5.87	0.46	0.43	5.80	0.96	0.54
0.20	0.31	0.14	1.28	0.72	1.34	1.36	1.72	1.14

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Table 9. Total Crop Area and Food-Crop Area in China's Provinces

Province	% of Total Cultivated Area Devoted to Crops*	% of Total Crop Area Devoted to Food Crops*
Kiangsu	164 (167)**	77
Chekiang	127 (152)	87
Anhwei	135 (145)	82
Kiangsi	122 (115)	82
Hupeh	144 (151)	86
Hunan	102 (146)	84
Szechwan	129 (--)	86
Hopeh	119 (123)	83
Shantung	133 (144)	73
Shansi	109 (101)	91
Honan	137 (155)	81
Shensi	123 (111)	84
Kansu	102 (--)	93
Fukien	114 (205)	91
Kwangtung	144 (--)	95
Kwangsi	-- (124)	--
Yunnan	123 (--)	86
Kweichow	109 (--)	86
Liaoning	97 (--)	75
Kirin	98 (--)	66
Heilungkiang	97 (--)	68
Jehol	98 (--)	88
Chahar	96	91
Suiyuan	91	94
Ningsia	99	95
Sinkiang	91	90
Total	123	82

* Source: Chung-kuo Nung-yeh Kai-k'uang Ku-chi, by Chang Hsin-i, 1932

** Alternate figures in parentheses are taken from reports of the Land Committee [Note: Percentages over 100 result presumably from counting the same area twice when there is more than one planting of a crop.]

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Table 10. Distribution of Crops in the Various Provinces

Crop	Percentage of Total Crop Production*
Ordinary rice	18.49
Glutenous rice	2.48 (32.42)
Wheat	22.34 (17.60)
Barley	6.18 (3.25)
Kaoliang	9.95 (5.69)
Millet	9.79 (6.85)
Corn	6.00 (3.67)
Other grains	1.08 (5.60)
Soybeans	11.48
Black beans	0.30
Peas	0.77 (10.63)
Other types of "tou" (peas and beans	1.30
Sweet potatoes	1.76 (1.72)
Potatoes	0.36 (--)
Taro	0.14 (--)
Other types of tubers	0.01 (0.67)
Cotton	4.16 (4.04)
Tobacco leaves	0.14 (0.10)
Peanuts	1.15 (0.97)
Sugar cane	0.20 (--)
Hemp	0.11 (--)
Flax	0.08 (0.45)
Ramie	0.01 (--)
Rapeseed	0.71 (2.05)
Vegetables	-- (1.52)
Other crops	0.41 (2.77)
Total	100.00 (100.0)

*First figure is from Chung-kuo Nung-yeh Kai-k'uang Ku-chi, by Chang Hsin-i, 1932; second figure (in parentheses) is from Land Committee Report.

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Table 11. Increases and Decreases of Cultivated Land in the 22 Provinces of China Within the Last 60 Years (1873-1933)*

Province	No of Reports	Index of Cultivated Land (fixed base year, 1873 as 100)			Index of Cultivated Land, 1873-1933 (variable base year)		
		1893	1913	1933	1874-94 as 100	1894-1913 as 100	1913-33 as 100
Kiangsu	117	101	102	110	101	101	108
Chekiang	38	102	73	78	102	71	107
Anhwei	59	106	107	107	106	101	100
Kiangsi	29	99	93	91	99	94	97
Hupeh	23	104	109	128	104	105	118
Hunan	41	88	89	88	88	101	98
Szechwan	65	102	104	110	102	102	106
Hopeh	410	98	100	98	98	103	98
Shantung	182	103	105	99	103	102	94
Shansi	138	103	110	110	103	106	101
Honan	138	99	117	115	99	118	99
Shensi	68	98	95	91	98	96	96
Kansu	27	116	117	118	116	100	101
Tsinghai	13	169	175	203	169	104	116
Fukien	25	96	92	81	96	96	87

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Kwangtung	38	101	101	102	101	100	101
Kwangsi	50	105	117	123	105	111	105
Yunan	28	111	133	131	111	120	99
Kweichow	22	115	121	130	115	105	108
Chahar	8	104	112	104	104	108	93
Suiyuan	10	95	93	88	95	97	95
Ningsia	3	100	102	99	100	102	97
Total**	1,532	101	101	101	101	100	100

*Source: Nung-ch'ing Pao-kao [character illegible]-p'ien (Report of Agricultural Conditions), by Chung-yung Nung-yeh Shih-yen-so Shih-yeh-pu (Central Agricultural Laboratory of the Ministry of Industries), published in 1934.

**Cultivated Land Index in this column completed from the cultivated land area of the 22 provinces during various periods.

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Table 12. Area of Wild Land Suitable for Cultivation and Reforestation in the Various Provinces (1930)*
(in 1,000 kung-mou [about 100,000 sq m])

Province	No of Hsiens	Total Area	Recorded Wild Land Suitable for Cultivation		Recorded Wild Land Suitable for Reforestation		Undesignated Recorded Wild Land	
			Area	%	Area	%	Area	%
Kiangsu	35	6,303	328	5.2	58.0	3,659	2,316	36.8
Chekiang	35	984	14	1.4	32.0	312	638	66.6
Anhwei	37	3,321	2,040	61.0	6.0	214	1,067	32.6
Kiangsi	42	1,435	1,000	65.0	30.0	432	3	5.0
Hupeh	9	6,310	596	9.3	4.9	313	5,401	85.8
Hunan	8	2,423	1	0.2	0.8	22	2,400	99.0
Sikang	8	2,806	1,450	51.0	--	--	1,356	49.0
Hopeh	6	18,968	--	--	55.0	10,440	8,528	45.0
Shangtung	65	56,025	36,948	65.0	9.0	5,072	14,005	26.0
Shansi	105	60,597	--	--	0.4	297	60,300	99.6
Honan	72	2,038	23	1.1	98.0	1,930	55	2.9
Fukien	14	103	6	5.9	4.5	5	92	89.6
Kwangtung	14	28,846	59	0.2	58.0	17,010	11,777	41.8
Kweichow	8	81	59	71.0	27.0	22	**	2.0
Liaoning	6	95,348	14,256	14.0	86.0	81,092	--	--
Kirin	27	122,662	--	--	5.2	6,457	116,205	94.8
Heilungkiang	53	3,548,652	1,296,581	36.0	--	--	2,252,071	64.0

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Jehol	4	59,879	26,210	47.0	20.5	1,229	32,440	22.5
Chahar	4	3,194,880	--	--	--	--	3,194,880	100.0
Suiyuan	9	21,896	21,896	100.0	--	--	--	--
Sinkiang	6	42	42	100.0	--	--	--	--
Total	567	7,233,579	1,401,509	--	--	128,536	5,703,534	--

* Source: Nei-cheng Nien-chien (Ministry of Interior Yearbook), Chapter 8 (D), pp 491-493. Area of Wild Land of Chahar taken from Chung-kuo T'u-ti Wen-t'i (China's Land Problem), by Wang Chiao-wen and Ch'en Ch'uan-kang, pp 94-95.

** Less than 1,000 kung-mou.

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Table 13. Reclamation of Wild Land and Relapse of Reclaimed Land*

Province	No of Hsiens	% of Total Reclaimed Land Reclaimed in Last 10 Years	% of Total Reclaimed Land Allowed to Relapse in Last 10 Years
Kiangsu	12	12.11	5.27
Chekiang	8	8.19	0.98
Anhwei	6	8.98	8.34
Kiangsi	3	3.42	11.72
Hupeh	6	12.67	9.80
Hunan	10	8.40	8.15
Hopeh	9	3.15	3.00
Shantung	9	8.80	4.21
Shansi	2	13.75	18.50
Honan	5	4.87 [semi-legible]	5.10
Shensi	5	12.37 [semi-legible]	14.12
Fukien	8	3.43	15.13
Kwangtung	2	10.50	35.00
Kwangsi	4	14.07	9.58
Total	89	8.91	10.64

*Source: Land Committee compilation

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Table 14. Area of Wild Land in the Various Provinces (1934)*

Province	No of Hsiens	Area (in Kung-mou [about 100 sq m)]
Kiangsu	48	97,067,480
Chekiang	55	150,066,156
Kiangsi	22	250,466,629
Anhwei	27	18,144,491
Hupeh	42	47,136,900
Hunan	46	63,048,088
Szechwan	23	158,170,015
Hopeh	27	16,113,144
Shantung	49	102,380,332
Shansi	70	23,013,237
Honan	69	69,871,413
Shensi	47	37,344,548
Kansu	30	22,976,697
Tsinghai	9	28,249,776
Fukien	41	177,752,173
Kwangtung	3	3,521,750
Kwangsi	8	13,927,496
Yunnan	21	135,123,349
Kweichow	25	53,677,470
Ningsia	10	11,447,213
Total	672	1,479,201,357

*Source: Land Committee compilation

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